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1. Former General Vincenz Müller, NKFD, was given a position on the Executive Committee of the National Democratic Party, on Russian orders, despite the fact that he had neither been a member of the party, nor been connected with the party in any way. Since his return from Russia, Müller has had an important function in the Central Administration of the Interior organizing the police and the former members of the Wehrmacht. At the same time, the former Lt. Col. Walter Lehwes-Litzmann, NKFD, was also ordered into the NDP, and has been given the administration of the section for Western Military Politics.

- 2. The leading NDP members say that Colonel S. I. Tyulpanov and his information office have had very little to do with the NDP or the National-Zeitung. He has limited himself to routine contacts. The party and the newspaper have been receiving their instructions from a different Soviet source. The two Soviet control officers on the National-Zeitung are administratively under the Soviet Political Adviser, Semenov, but seen to be directly responsible to a headquarters in Moscow. Alexeev, Semenov's press chief, associates privately with some of the leading NDP members. The large sums of money that the party received for party houses, cars, extensive propaganda, etc., were not received from Tyulpanov's information bureau.
- Colonel Tyulpanov is regarded as the exponent of the pure Communist line, and as the party has been allowed to deviate from the general Soviet standpoint, the NDP leaders feel that Tyulpanov is now being held in the background so that the 'Semenov-sponsored "National Unity" movement may emerge as the only Soviet policy in Germany. They believe that Tyulpanov will be relegated to purely cultural activities, as he is too compromised to be responsible for any "National Unity" movements.



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